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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurred first, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97 (d)) . Applicant (s) hereby petition (s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (e) (1) , that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with
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1.17 (p) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in
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any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 07-
1180, under Order No. VMS-19002/04. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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